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FM AMEMBASSY PARIS

TO SECSTATE WASHDC NIACT IMMEDIATE 0779

INFO AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS IMMEDIATE

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, PFOR, CF, FR

SUBJ: ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON NGOUABI

REF: SCHAUFELE/GAMMON TELECON

1. QUAI DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR AFRICA DE LA ROCHERE JUST TOLD US THAT THE FRENCH EMBASSY IN BRAZZAVILLE HAS REPORTED THAT A GROUP OF MEN FIRED ON CONGOLESE PRESIDENT NGOUABI TODAY (MARCH 18), WOUNDING HIM IN THE FACE AND JAW. A FRENCH PHYSICIAN OPERATED ON NGOUABI THIS AFTERNOON AND HE APPARENTLY IS OUT OF DANGER.

2. THE EMBASSY ALSO REPORTED THAT BRAZZAVILLE WAS THE SCENE OF MUCH SHOOTING AND THAT A REAL BATTLE SEEMED TO HAVE TAKEN PLACE. THUS THE EMBASSY SUSPECTS THAT THE ATTACK ON NGOUABI WAS NOT SIMPLY TO ASSASSINATE HIM, CONFIDENTIAL

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BUT A WELL-ORGANIZED ATTEMPT AT A COUP D'ETAT. THE EMBASSY DOES NOT KNOW WHO IS BEHIND THE ACTION BUT CONSIDERS THE SITUATION SERIOUS AND IS ATTEMPTING TO UNCOVER THE FACTS. THE EMBASSY ALSO HAS AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT THAT THERE WAS TROUBLE, INCLUDING SOME SHOOTING, IN POINTE NOIRE TODAY.

3. DE LA ROCHERE COMMENTED THAT THE POLITICAL AND SOCIAL CLIMATE IN THE CONGO HAS BEEN DETERIORATING OVER THE PAST WEEKS, PARTIALLY BECAUSE OF THE INABILITY OF THE GOVERNMENT TO MEET PAYROLLS ON TIME. HE SAID HE EXPECTED TO HAVE MORE INFORMATION ON THE SITUATION TOMORROW MORNING. WE SHALL PASS IT ALONG AS SOON AS RECEIVED.

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